

## Replacement Sheet

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Revise Claims 1 – 3

Claim 1 (revised) ~~A tool to assist fisherman~~ A handheld fishing reel threading tool that  
assists fishermen in threading fishing line through the level wind mechanism orifice (6)  
on level wind equipped fishing reels[.], consisting of a buoyant cylindrical handle (1)  
attached to a pointed fixed length flexible loop at exit point (2) at the center of one end of  
the cylindrical handle and at return point (5) that is in close proximity to the exit point,  
having a tip end opening (3) that expands when fully inserted into, or collapses as it is  
withdrawn from, the opening of the level wind orifice (6).

~~The tool consists of a handle with a flexible modified loop that is an integral part of, or~~  
~~securely attached to, one end of the handle.~~

Claim 2 (revised). The tool of claim 1 ~~is held by the handle as the flexible modified loop~~  
~~is inserted through the front of the fishing reel~~ enhances the fisherman's ability to thread  
fishing line onto or off of a level wind-orifice. equipped fishing reel by:

~~A small length of fishing line from the fishing reel spool, that is free from tangle or~~  
~~constraint, is inserted into the exposed end of modified loop extension.~~

having a loop that is both flexible and rigid enough to allow the fisherman to guide the tip

loop past the obstructions and passages of the fishing reel allowing the fisherman to gain full access to the tip loop and any inserted fishing line;

~~As the tool is extracted from the fishing reel level wind mechanism, the loop collapses around the fishing line as the fishing line is pulled~~

overcoming the characteristics of fishing line and the fishing environment that make the task of threading fishing line through the level wind orifice (6) [[.]] awkward and difficult.

Claim 3 (revised) The tool of claim 1 is ~~made from a material or materials suitable~~ suited for use in both fresh and saltwater environments ~~and will float for an adequate period of time to allow recovery should the tool fall into water,~~ is lightweight, small enough to fit in a fisherman's pocket, and will float if immersed in water.

Remarks:

Revised Claims 1-3 are submitted to more accurately describe the invention and its use in accordance in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Revisions include changes in the order of claim information and to terminology that is consistent throughout the patent submission. Any additional information in the claims are supported in the previous submission in one area or another and by the information provided to encompass what was meant in the terms "awkward and difficult". An attempt was made to place the information in a more orderly manner.